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CONSIDERATION OF PLANS AND PROGRAMMES TO SUPPORT THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES AND THE UTILIZATION OF THEIR MARINE AND COASTAL RESOURCES, WHICH INCLUDES MEETING ESSENTIAL HUMAN NEEDS, MAINTAINING BIODIVERSITY AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ISLAND PEOPLE, AS WELL AS MEASURES THAT WILL ENABLE SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES TO COPE EFFECTIVELY, CREATIVELY AND IN A SUSTAINABLE MANNER WITH ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES AND TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS ON AND REDUCE THE THREATS POSED TO MARINE AND COASTAL RESOURCES

Sustainable development of small island developing States

Report of the Secretary-General

Corrigendum

Paragraph 122 (e)

Replace the existing text with the following:

(e) Air and sea transport. Movement of people and commodities to and from many SIDS is seriously impeded by the infrequency, unreliability and high costs of sea and air transport. This has adverse effects on the trade and tourism of SIDS. In this area, as discussed above, the best approach for SIDS would be to find viable solutions partly at the national level and partly at the regional level. Their efforts at finding solutions at the national and regional levels would certainly be speeded up tremendously through financial and technical assistance from the international community. At present not only are the

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transport costs beyond their means, but even more so the fixed costs of the infrastructures required. At the initial stages, SIDS will need support by way of studies concerning the types of cost-effective air and sea transport systems that would meet their needs.